At a mass meeting of the students of Phillips-Andover Academy held last week, the general sentiment of the school was found to be in favor of a renewal of the old contests with Phillips-Exeter. The last game was played in the fall of '93. The news of a reconciliation will be hailed with joy by all the alumni of both schools. We have four men each from Andover and Exeter in our entering class this fall.

A special course of lectures on Higher Geometry, with particular reference to the theory of surfaces and twisted curves, has been arranged by Professor Woods. The lectures will be given on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will probably continue throughout the year. Illustrations will be given by means of the set of mathematical models which were secured by Professor Bartlett during the summer.

Candidates for the Mandolin and Banjo Clubs were given a trial on Monday, October 5th, in 26 Walker. There were a good number of new men, especially for the mandolin parts, and the Clubs will not be handicapped, as to a certain extent they were last year, by a scarcity of men who play guitars. The men are given a trial as to their ability to play easy music at sight, as well as to their skill in execution. Addicks, '99, took charge of the candidates.

The members of the field party, Third-year Course I., were prevented from taking the accustomed jaunt on railroad reconnaissance on Wednesday, October 7th, by the threatening weather. The party, consisting of about forty men, were to proceed by train to Roslindale station on the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad, and from there reconnoitre a layout to Chestnut Hill on the B. & A. Railroad. The expedition was postponed till Wednesday, October 14th, if pleasant.

The laboratory of Applied Mechanics will open soon. The work on the Emery machine will be a continuation of a series of tests begun last year, on the crushing strength of wrought iron pipe columns. On the 100,000 pound tension machine, tests will be made of one inch bars of refined iron and Bessemer steel. The cloth-testing machine, which was overhauled and greatly improved last spring, will be used in the regular laboratory work to investigate the strength of twines.

Mr. J. W. Smith, Course XIII., during vacation, conducted two thirty-six hour duty tests on the pumping plant of the city of Lawrence. The city went to a considerable expense in preparing for these tests. A forty-three inch weir was made, and located in the middle of the reservoir, for measuring the water, the necessary changes were made in the piping at the boiler house, and nothing was left undone to secure a complete and accurate test. The observers worked in watches of twelve hours each, and were all either alumni or undergraduates of the Institute.

The Fifth-year Architects have received as a problem for design, "The Buildings of a Polytechnic Institute," while the Fourth-year men have the Principal Building of the same, and the Third-year men are to design the Façade and Vestibule for the principal building. This subject seems to be an excellent problem for a design as, aside from bringing the students of the three upper classes of the Architectural Course into a close relation with one another, it offers an admirable opportunity for men to copy and expand upon the numerous good points of our own Institution, as well as to exercise their originality in suggesting changes wherein the buildings of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology might be materially improved.

New Appointments.

The following new appointments are announced: A. T. Robinson, Instructor in English; Arthur W. Weyss, Ph.D., Instructor in Biology.

The following Assistants have been made Instructors in their respective departments: